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Remarks

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 12-18 are withdrawn as being drawn to a nonelected species.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Henderson (6527326). Section 102(b) is applicable to an invention that is described in a printed publication more than one year prior to the date of application. Henderson was published as US 2002/0145299 on October 10, 2002. The present application was filed August 26, 2003, which is less than one year. Therefore Applicants respectfully request that the 102(b) rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 7-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for this conditional allowance but shall reserve the option to amend claims 7-11 based on the belief that claims 1-6 are allowable.

Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-11 be allowed and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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